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DEPT PASS: MR. DAVID GARRETT, PRESIDENT
DELTA AIRLINES
HARTSFIELD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
TELEX: ISWC 542316, ATLANTA, GEORGIA
AND MR. H.E. EDGAR
GT&E, WALTHAM, MASS.
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QUOTE: ATTN: MR. GARRETT

1. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED DISAPPOINTING INFORMATION FROM
HERB EDGAR OF GENERAL TELEPHONE AND ELECTRONICS THAT
DELTA AIRLINES HAS TENTATIVELY REFUSED THE REQUEST OF
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC FOR
THE SERVICES OF MECHANICS CHAPMAN AND BICKERSTAFFE FOR
THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE CAR'S ONLY C-54. CHAPMAN AND
BIRKERSTAFFE WERE INITIALLY CONTACTED BY GT&E ON BEHALF
OF THE CAR BECAUSE THEY SEEM TO BE AMONG THE FEW MECHANICS
AVAILABLE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH OLD PRATT AND WHITNEY
ENGINES WHICH WILL BE INSTALLED ON THE AIRCRAFT. THERE-
FORE, THEIR PARTICIPATION IS CRUCIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF
THE PROJECT.

2. ALTHOUGH THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE C-54 IS A PRIVATE
UNDERTAKING BETWEEN GT&E AND THE CENTRAL AFRICAN
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GOVERNMENT, ITS SUCCESS WILL BE HIGHLY REGARDED BY THE

CENTRAL AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND IT SHOULD SERVE TO
STRENGTHEN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

3. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC WILL
PAY ALL EXPENSES INCLUDING SALARIES DURING THE ESTIMATED
THIRTY DAYS PERIOD OF SERVICE. DELTA NEED ONLY GIVE
ITS PERMISSION AND GRANT LEAVE TIME TO THE TWO MEN.

4. THEREFORE, I HOPE YOU WILL BE WILLING TO RECONSIDER
AND PERMIT THE TWO MECHANICS TO OVERHAUL THE AIRCRAFT.
WITH MY SINCERE REGARDS. WILLIAM N. DALE, AMBASSADOR OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, BANGUI, CENTRAL AFRICAN
REPUBLIC. END QUOTE.DALE

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